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Dear Friend:

We are happy to bring you another edition of the *Illinois Agricultural Statistics Annual Bulletin*. This annual bulletin represents the efforts of a large number of people all around Illinois and serves as a historical document which recaps the results from a multitude of surveys during the previous year. The basic information is supplied voluntarily by thousands of grain farmers, livestock producers, fruit and vegetable growers, grain elevators, slaughter and dairy plants, retail stores that serve farm families, and other producers and agribusinesses. Our mission is to **“serve Illinois, its agriculture and its rural communities by providing meaningful, accurate and objective statistical information.”**

The year 2010 will be remembered as a disappointing year for corn production while average soybean yields, on the other hand, set a new State record. Near ideal planting conditions existed in the spring allowing farmers to get their corn and bean crops planted at a record pace. Harvest also moved along well ahead of the 5 year average pace for the two crops. So why the low yields for corn? Agronomists attributed the problem to above average July temperatures, especially during the night time hours. They explained that when this happens, dark respiration goes into overdrive consuming the sugars that would normally be used by the plant for grain fill.

That being said, corn yields averaged a disappointing 157 bushels per acre while soybeans came in at a record 51.5 bushels per acre. Soft red winter wheat yields averaged 56 bushels per acre. Season average prices for soft red winter wheat, corn and soybeans came in at \$5.52, \$5.24 and \$11.80, respectively. Season average prices for all beef cattle averaged \$94.00 per hundred weight while hog prices averaged a disappointing \$53.60 per hundred weight for all of 2010.



Teamwork is important in most areas of life and business. The Illinois Field Office is no different. We are blessed with outstanding players and superior performance. We hope you find this publication helpful to you in gaining a better perspective on Illinois agriculture. Give us a call if we can be of assistance to you.

Respectfully,

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